Awards Ceremony

Class of 2022
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Class of 2024

College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Missouri
Abby Magnolia Scholarship

This scholarship is established in honor of Abby Magnolia, a 12-year-old dog who was rescued along with 102 others from a hoarding situation. She lived a wonderful life with her adopter until her passing. This award is given to a student who shows demonstrated commitment to rescue groups, shelters and community outreach.
Ashley Torres Saez
Adele Buescher Scholarship

This fund provides scholarships to second-, third-, or fourth-year students of academic ability and excellence of character.
Olivia Kaiser
Anatomy Award

This award is presented to the students who have demonstrated outstanding proficiency, interest and ability in anatomy during the first year. The veterinary anatomy faculty selects the recipients.
Bridget, Bailey, Josie & Connor Scholarship

This award is given to a second-, third-, or fourth-year student who has demonstrated, through their activities, an understanding and commitment to strengthening the bond between animals and people. People rescue dogs; dogs rescue people.
Leigh Coonelly
Cale Estabrook Scholarship

This award was established in memory of Cale Estabrook, who was a third-year veterinary student (Class of 2006) when he was fatally injured in a car accident. This award is presented to an entering fourth-year student with an interest and proficiency in food animal medicine.
Dr. David Lawrence Frazier and Dr. Elizabeth Frazier Memorial Veterinary Scholarship

This award provides financial assistance to veterinary students entering their second, third, or fourth years of study who demonstrate professional potential and scholastic ability.
Tori Herron
Dr. Eugene J. Donnelly Scholarship Fund in Veterinary Medicine

This fund is in honor of the Welch family’s beloved Russian Blue male cat, Wolfen, who died at the age of 17. The fund also pays tribute to the Welch family veterinarian, Dr. Eugene J. Donnelly, and to the attachments and relationships that exist between people and their pets. It is awarded to a student who graduated from a high school within Platte or Clay counties in Missouri.
Dr. Joe McGinity Food Animal Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has an interest in food animal medicine and surgery, production veterinary medicine and/or agricultural veterinary medicine.
Kendelle Puga
Dr. Ken White Veterinary Medicine Scholarship

This award is presented to a second-year student in the top half of their class, with an expressed interest in practicing mixed-animal medicine in rural Missouri and who is active in student clubs and organizations.
Milan Piva
Dr. Tracei Holder Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

This scholarship honors Dr. Holder’s exemplary career and is presented to a student who has a GPA of 3.0 or greater.
Eagle Animal Hospital Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a first-year student in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Emi Meyer Imagination Award

This award is given in memory of Emi Meyer to a student who demonstrates innovation in problem-solving and who uses their imagination to “think outside the box” to find real solutions in order to solve problems in new ways.
Lucie Noall
Emmett McCune
Avian Medicine Award

This award is given to a student entering their fourth year of study, a graduate student, or a graduating senior in the College of Veterinary Medicine who has shown outstanding interest and understanding of poultry production, medicine, and disease prevention.
Taylor Eshmont
Frank E. and Ena H. Rhoades Scholarship

These awards are presented to students entering their third or fourth year of study who are in the upper 10 percent of their class and have demonstrated competent professionalism.
Jacob Franzak
Frank Wells Scholarship

This fund, established by the estate of Nellie F. Wells in memory of her brother, provides a scholarship for a veterinary student entering their fourth year of study based on scholastic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities and leadership abilities.
Lauren Engeman
Gerald L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Family and friends of Gerald L. Johnson, Class of 1956, established an endowed fund in his memory. He was president of the AVMA in 1991-1992 and was president of the MU Alumni Association in 1994. The award is given to a student entering their fourth year of study who exhibits leadership and support of organized veterinary medicine, and possesses the qualities of trustworthiness, concern for others, dependability and high integrity. Classmates choose the recipient.
Gilbreath-McLorn Scholarships

These scholarships are presented to veterinary students entering either their second, third, or fourth years of study who demonstrate professional potential and scholastic ability.
J. E. Salsbury Scholarship

The Salsbury Foundation sponsors scholarships to students entering their fourth year of study who have demonstrated superior scholarship, initiative, perseverance and potential for leadership.
James Robert Long Endowed Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

This award is presented to a rising third-, or fourth-year student who is a resident of Clay County, Clinton County or Northwest Missouri and is studying equine, mixed, or companion animal.
Joseph Worthington Crane Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a veterinary student who has graduated from a high school in Boone County, Missouri, is in good academic standing and has high moral character.
Joy and George Shelton
Veterinary Medical Scholarship

This award was established to provide an annual scholarship to an entering fourth-year veterinary medical student. The recipient must have demonstrated leadership skills and an expressed interest in organized veterinary medicine.
Kennedy Entrepreneurial Scholarship

This award is given to a student enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine who expresses an interest in entrepreneurship and clinic ownership.
Kenneth H. Niemeyer Award in Veterinary Medicine

The College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association endows these awards in honor of Kenneth H. Niemeyer, Class of 1955, long-time faculty member, administrator and student advocate. These awards are presented to students entering their third and fourth years of study who possess high integrity, inspire confidence, relate well to people, demonstrate leadership in college organizations and activities, and promote the profession of veterinary medicine. Classmates select the recipients.
Isabelle Mitchell
Kevin Wayne King Memorial Scholarship

This award provides assistance to a student in the College of Veterinary Medicine who has demonstrated superior academic and non-academic achievement.
Nancy Langworthy and Harry Feirman College of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship

This award provides scholarships to one or more students in the College of Veterinary Medicine who are residents of the state of Missouri.
Lloyd Selby Award

This award, established in honor of the late Dr. Lloyd Selby, is given to a student who has outstanding interest and proficiency in public health and epidemiology.
Jacob Franzak
Marshel & Helen Gordon Scholarship

This award is given to a current VM1, VM2, or VM3 student enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine who graduated from a Missouri high school in either Boone County or Callaway County.
Sydni Heavin
Microbiology Award

MVES sponsors this award and presents it to a student for outstanding scholarship, proficiency and interest in veterinary microbiology during their second year.
MVES sponsors this award and presents it to an outstanding student in microscopic anatomy. The microscopic anatomy faculty selects the recipient.
Monica Glick
Miss America Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

The Miss America Pageant has endowed this scholarship in honor of Debbye Turner Bell, Miss America 1990, who is a graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine. The scholarship is given to a female student entering her third year of study who demonstrates leadership in college organizations and activities and promotes the veterinary profession through community service and academic achievement. Classmates choose the recipient.
Stephanie Craven
MU Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club Scholarship

This award is presented to a student who exemplifies leadership during membership in the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club.
MVMA Auxiliary Scholarship

The Missouri Veterinary Medical Auxiliary sponsors this award and presents it to one or more students completing their second year of study who exhibit leadership and academic achievement.
Lucie Noall
Nelson Stone Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is given to a student who is interested in being a small animal veterinarian and is from the southeast quadrant of Missouri.
Nestle Purina Award for Excellence in Pet Care and Nutrition

Nestle Purina Pet Care sponsors a scholarship to an enrolled student who has demonstrated excellence or interest in companion animal nutrition.
Orthopedic Foundation for Animals Award

This award is granted to a student entering their fourth year of study who ranks in the upper 15% of their class.
Tara Bradley
Physiology Award

The veterinary physiology faculty recognizes an outstanding student for performance in physiology during their first year of study. This award is sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Veterinary Medical Association.
Richard T. Riegel Scholarship

This award is provided to a student enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Robert J. and E. Marlese Gourley Scholarships

These awards are presented to students in the College of Veterinary Medicine who have demonstrated superior academic and non-academic achievement.
Roger Dustin Shaw Memorial Veterinary Medicine Scholarship

This award is presented to students from the state of Missouri in good academic standing.
Jainee Cowen
Roseboom SAVMA Scholarship

This award is presented to second- and third-year students based on service through leadership positions within the College of Veterinary Medicine and community service.
Milan Piva
Ruth Elizabeth Johnston Memorial Scholarship

This award is presented to an entering fourth-year student who has demonstrated proficiency in the clinical sciences.
Alexandria Miller
Sherry Lynn Volk Memorial Scholarship

This award is presented to a second- or third-year student in good academic standing who has demonstrated community service and outreach.
Lauren Engelman
Smith Family Scholarship

This award is presented to students enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Michelle Seers
Stanley Smith Memorial Fund in Veterinary Medicine

This award is presented to students enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
Amanda Moore
Thelma Zalk Veterinary Medicine Scholarship

This award is presented to students enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
VECCS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

This award, sponsored by The Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society, is presented to a student who is an active member of the student chapter of VECCS and has demonstrated commitment to diversity in veterinary emergency and critical care medicine.
Veterinary Parasitology Award

The Department of Veterinary Pathobiology sponsors this award and presents it to a second-year student(s) for scholarship, enthusiasm and excitement for parasitology. Course instructors select the recipients.
Allison Frappier
Ashley Otto
Virginia L. Busch Scholarship

The College of Veterinary Medicine and the Busch family endow this award in honor of Virginia L. Busch. It is given to students entering their third year of study for outstanding leadership, character and integrity. Classmates choose the recipients.
Carley Allen
Blair Hobbs
West Central VMA Leadership

This award is presented to a student entering their second year of study who is active in the promotion of organized veterinary medicine. Classmates select the recipient.
Courtney Rice
Zoo Club Scholarship

This award recognizes a third- or fourth-year student who is an active, dues-paying member of the Student Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians and is pursuing (or has completed) a preceptorship/externship in zoo, wildlife, or exotic medicine.
Roxana Chan
Phi Zeta Inductees for 2021

This honor is bestowed on third-year students who rank in the top 10% of their class. These students must have an acceptable personality, be of good moral character and possess high ideals regarding professional service conduct.
* Nicole D’Anna
* Caylen Erger
* Olivia Kaiser
* Courtney Karr
* Elizabeth Kirkman
* Celene Ivey

* Rachael McCorkle
* Kiersten Sandquist
* Alec Swierk
* Jenny Wang
* Amanda Wharton
* McKenna Wingerd
FACULTY, TECHNICIAN, AND HOUSE OFFICER AWARDS

College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Missouri
E. R. Price Public Health Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

This award is given to a College of Veterinary Medicine graduate or resident interested in the area of public health.
Dr. Kelsey Walker

Food Animal Medicine
Technician Award

This award, sponsored by MVES and selected by the senior class, is given to honor an outstanding VHC technician whom the senior class feels has had an impact on their clinical experience.
Laken Schwarzlose
Intern Teaching Award

This award, voted on by the senior class, is given to the intern who has had the greatest impact on their clinical experience in terms of teaching and spending extra time to help students learn.
Dr. Thomas Bevelock
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery
Kim Ringen Translational Oncology Award

Family and friends of Dr. Kim Statham Ringen established this award in honor of their dear, brave friend. She was an oncology resident at the MU CVM from 2008-2011, and battled cancer in her patients as well as in her own life with astonishing tenacity. This award is given to a house officer, graduate student, or veterinary student who has a strong interest in translational oncologic research.
L.N. Atkinson, DVM Memorial Award

One or more annual awards shall be made to an intern who has demonstrated interest and proficiency in canine medicine and surgery.
Dr. Chelsea Tynan
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery
Redhage Awards

These awards are presented to five residents entering their final year of residency who have demonstrated an interest and proficiency in canine medicine/surgery. Additional emphasis is placed on residents who demonstrate strong client/patient/veterinarian relationship skills and characteristics.
Dr. Melanie Anderson
Radiology
Dr. Bathilda Lake
Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care
Dr. Lauren Ross
Oncology
Dr. Deepinder Sidhu
Small Animal Surgery
William H. Fales Clinical Veterinary Microbiology Award

The William H. Fales, PhD, Clinical Veterinary Microbiology Award is presented to an undergraduate, graduate, professional veterinary medicine student or post-doctoral student who demonstrates an exceptional interest and proficiency in diagnostic veterinary microbiology.
Hatem Kittana, DVM, PhD, DACVM

VMDL Microbiology
Harrison-Kaplan Online Undergraduate Teaching Award

This award is presented to an online instructor who has shown excellence in online undergraduate student engagement, online course development and online course management and delivery.
Christopher P. Baines, PhD
Associate Professor, Biomedical Sciences
Harrison-Kaplan Online Graduate Teaching Award

This award is presented to an online instructor who has shown excellence in online graduate student engagement, online course development and online course management and delivery.
Christopher P. Baines, PhD
Associate Professor, Biomedical Sciences
SAVMA Teaching Award for Basic Sciences

SAVMA members in the first- and second-year classes select one faculty member each year to receive this award. The selected faculty member made immense contributions to the students’ education and progression through the veterinary curriculum.
Brian Frappier
DVM, PhD.
Associate Teaching Professor
Biomedical Sciences

2021 SAVMA Teaching Award for
Basic Sciences
SAVMA Teaching Award for Clinical Sciences

SAVMA members in the third- and fourth-year classes select one faculty member each year to receive this award. The selected faculty member demonstrated an unquestionable dedication to student education, progression toward clinical competency and development of professional abilities.
Lindsay Donnelly
DVM, MS, DACVIM
(Oncology)

Assistant Professor
Veterinary Oncology

2021 SAVMA Teaching Award for Clinical Sciences
Golden Aesculapius Teaching Award

Each of the four classes selects an outstanding teacher from the past year.
David Cross, DVM, PhD.

Teaching Professor
Biomedical Sciences

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Golden Aesculapius Teaching Award Recipient
Saundra Sample, DVM, DACVP
Assistant Professor
Veterinary Clinical Pathology
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Golden Aesculapius Teaching Award Recipient
Zoetis Award for Veterinary Research Excellence

This award is presented to a faculty member or graduate student whose research is related to veterinary medicine and has promise of national recognition.
David D. Kline, PhD.

Professor
Biomedical Sciences
Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award

This award, supported by Zoetis, recognizes an outstanding teacher who, through ability, dedication, character and leadership, contributes significantly to the advancement of the profession. The student body chooses the recipient.
Dr. Erica Malone
Assistant Teaching Professor
Biomedical Sciences
The Dadd Award

This award is for excellence in teaching veterinary medicine as judged by peers. George H. Dadd, a veterinarian and physician born and trained in England, moved to Boston in 1845 and promoted the earliest formal veterinary medical education in the United States. In addition to assisting in establishing veterinary schools in Boston and Chicago, teaching, writing books and editing a veterinary journal, Dr. Dadd equated veterinary medicine to human medicine, sought the best students for veterinary medicine, pioneered the use of anesthesia for clinical use in animals and campaigned against quackery.
Dawna Voelkl
DVM, DACT
Associate Teaching Professor,
Theriogenology
Congratulations!